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EMBOFF TELEPHONED FRENCH ATTORNEY MARTIN-MARTINIERE CONCERNING SUIT IN FRENCH COURTS CONCERNING U.S. CITIZENS' OWNERSHIP OF NEW HEBRIDES LAND. MARTIN-MARTINIERE SAID FRENCH MAIL STRIKE HAD DELAYED PREPARATION OF CASE. HE EXPECTS NOW TO SUBMIT HIS CASE TO THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE CONSEIL D'ETAT IN FEBRUARY. (CONSEIL D'ETAT IS HIGHEST ADVISORY BODY TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND IS APPARENTLY RULING ON CONSTITUTIONAL OR JURISDICTIONAL ISSUE.) SINCE THERE ARE 20 MEMBERS WHO MUST REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS, HE COULD GIVE NO ESTIMATE OF WHEN THE CONSEIL D'ETAT WOULD CONSIDER THE CASE AND ARRIVE AT A DECISION. MARTIN-MARTINIERE SAID HE REMAINED IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE ATTORNEYS IN LONDON HANDLING THE CASE IN THE UK COURTS. HE SAID HE WOULD CONTACT EMBOFF WHEN CASE IS FULLY PREPARED AND SUBMITTED. IF ADDRESSEES HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHICH THEY WISH POSED AT THAT TIME, PLEASE SO INFORM.

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